

## **News Release**

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## West Valley City mourns victims, celebrates survivors during Domestic Violence Awareness Month

West Valley City – Over 40 domestic violence victims will be represented in a Silent Witness display by life-size silhouettes at West Valley City Hall October 1-5 as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In addition to the display, the West Valley City Victim Services Office will host a "Walking for Awareness" walk followed by a Domestic Violence Awareness Program on Tuesday, October 2, at 5:30 p.m. The walk will begin at Valley Fair Mall on the central outdoor plaza (3601 South 2700 West) and will proceed across 2700 West to West Valley City Hall (3600 South 2700 West). A brief program at West Valley City Hall will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

For more information about West Valley City Victim Services and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, call 801-963-3223.

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